

**MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE
FISCAL NOTE (08-07)**

Subject

Initiative petition from Paula Talley regarding a proposed new chapter to Title XXXVI of the Missouri Revised Statutes. (Received January 18, 2008)

Date

February 7, 2008

Description

This proposal would add a new chapter to Title XXXVI of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

The proposal is to be voted on in November, 2008.

Public comments and other input

The State Auditor's Office requested input from the **Attorney General's Office**, the **Department of Agriculture**, the **Department of Economic Development**, the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**, the **Department of Higher Education**, the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration**, the **Department of Mental Health**, the **Department of Natural Resources**, the **Department of Corrections**, the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations**, the **Department of Revenue**, the **Department of Public Safety**, the **Department of Social Services**, the **Governor's Office/Office of Administration**, the **Missouri House of Representatives**, the **Department of Conservation**, the **Office of State Courts Administrator**, the **Department of Transportation**, the **Missouri Senate**, the **Secretary of State's Office**, the **Office of the State Public Defender**, the **State Treasurer's Office**, **Boone County**, **Jackson County**, **St. Louis County**, the **City of Columbia**, the **City of Kansas City**, the **City of St. Louis**, the **City of Springfield**, **Hannibal School District #60**, **Rockwood R-VI School District**, the **University of Missouri**, **St. Louis Community College**.

Assumptions

Officials from the **Attorney General's Office** indicated the proposal would not directly affect their office. However, they assumed that because this proposal has the potential to be the subject of state and federal litigation, potential costs are unknown.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development** assume no fiscal or administrative impact from the proposal.

The **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** indicated this proposal would not impact their department or local schools.

Officials from the **Department of Higher Education** indicated no direct, foreseeable impact on their department.

The **Department of Health and Senior Services** indicated no impact as a result of this initiative petition.

The **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration** indicated this proposal will have no cost to the department.

The **Department of Mental Health** stated the proposal will have no impact on their department.

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** indicated they would not anticipate a direct fiscal impact from this proposal.

The **Department of Corrections** indicated no impact on their agency.

The **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations** stated the proposal does not have a fiscal impact on their department.

The **Department of Revenue** indicated the proposal would not have a fiscal impact on their department.

The **Department of Public Safety** indicated there is no fiscal impact for the director's office.

The **Department of Social Services** indicated there is no fiscal impact on their department.

Officials from the **Governor's Office/Office of Administration** indicated passage of this proposal should not result in additional costs or savings to their agencies.

The **Department of Conservation** indicated no fiscal impact is expected to their agency as a result of this proposal.

The **Office of State Courts Administrator** indicated this proposal should not have a fiscal impact on the judiciary.

The **Missouri Senate** indicated there appears to be no fiscal impact on their agency as a result of the proposal.

Officials from the **Secretary of State's Office** indicated their office is required to pay for publishing in local newspapers the full text of each statewide ballot measure as directed by Article XII, Section 2(b) of the Missouri Constitution and Section 116.230-116.290, RSMo. The Secretary of State's office is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. Funding for this item is adjusted each year depending upon the election cycle with \$1.6 million historically appropriated in even numbered fiscal years and \$100,000 appropriated in odd numbered fiscal years to meet these requirements. The appropriation has historically been an estimated appropriation because the final cost is dependent upon the number of ballot measures approved by the General Assembly and the initiative petitions certified for the ballot. In FY 2007, at the August and November elections, there were 6 statewide Constitutional Amendments or ballot propositions that cost \$1.2 million to publish (an average of \$193,000 per issue). Therefore, the Secretary of State's office assumes, for the purposes of this fiscal note, that it should have the full appropriation authority it needs to meet the publishing requirements.

Officials from the **Office of the State Public Defender** indicated this proposal will have no significant impact on their office.

The **State Treasurer's Office** indicated the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their office.

Officials from **Jackson County** indicated no fiscal impact on their entity is apparent.

Officials from the **Rockwood R-VI School District** indicated this proposal will not result in any costs or savings to the district.

The **University of Missouri** indicated no identifiable fiscal impact on their organization.

The State Auditor's Office did not receive a response from the **Department of Agriculture**, the **Missouri House of Representatives**, the **Department of Transportation**, **Boone County**, **St. Louis County**, the **City of Columbia**, the **City of Kansas City**, the **City of St. Louis**, the **City of Springfield**, **Hannibal School District #60**, **St. Louis Community College**.

Fiscal Note Summary

It is estimated this proposal will have no costs or savings to state or local governmental entities.